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Applicant: Heinz Lambrecht

Examiner: Len Tran

Serial No.: 10/765319

Group Art Unit: 3732

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Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated July 27, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group 1, (claims 1-20) with traverse.

Applicant notes that the claims in both groups are 1) methods of melting and casting; and 2) melting and casting operations. The search required for the two groups is substantially indistinct. The burden on the applicant, through the requirement of two parallel applications and maintenance fees, is substantial compared to the incremental burden of the Office being not commensurately high.

This being a close case, it is respectfully requested that the examiner's discretion be applied and the restriction be withdrawn.

Any questions regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned attorney at (952) 253-4106.

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